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Dear John-- A weekly report is due, & here follows an apology for one. We went direct to Amesbury on Friday, but could not obtain a place to speak in. We then crossed the Messisseae [?] and lectured in Salisbury to a small audience in the Congregational Meeting House on Saturday Evening. On Sunday evening lectured in the Universalist House the house being engaged during the week by Dr Darling, we left an appointment for the following Saturday evening (this evening) at the same place. Monday was so stormy that we did not make any effort to obtain a place for lecturing. Tuesday we lectured again in Salisbury to a pretty good audience. We have since heard that our lectures were very satisfactory.

Wednesday evening we met Mr Channing here. In the Washington Hall we had a small but select audience -- Mr Channing talked without any glow of feeling or imagery but admirably, Mr Allen making some introductory remarks. The lectures were received with enthusiasm. The next evening I made an opening speech in answer to the question why do you seek a reorganization of society. Brisbane followed in answer to the same, & concluded by a sketch of the plan of a model phalanx & the mode of establishing it. The audience was larger this evening, & equally select. It was admitted that we had the best audiences that have ever been known to attend any kind of popular lectures in this place. Last evening we spoke on attractive industry, the government of the combined orders & the fallacies of attempted associations. It only needs be said that our lectures here have been perfectly successful in reaching the minds who have listened to them. The papers all speak candidly and with favor of the lectures & the lecturers. We have called on many of the people find them deeply interested Mr Eaton Universalist minister is a We have called on many of the people, thorough, out & out convert. You can hardly imagine his zeal & enthusiasm. He is a beautiful man intelligent, gentle & full of humane feeling. He had offered to take me to Old Haverhill in his chaise some 18 miles & to aid me in getting up some lectures. There we shall go either tonight or tomorrow (some morning) John Allen will lecture at Amesbury tonight preach for the Universalists tomorrow, & in the evening speak in the Universalist church in this place & on Monday evening he will see that a Union is formed in this place --As to funds, we are really on the ost side-We have not enough to pay our expenses and were it not for Mr Eaton's offer to carry me to Haverhill I should be obliged to walk or use Harbinger funds. I will here mention that the mailing and directing of the Harbinger is managed with much carelessness. It is really too bad. Mr. Isaac Stevens of this place sometime ago paid \$2 for the Harbinger and has had but two first nos of this volume -- He would be very glad of the paper both for the reason that he has paid for it & that he likes it when he can get it. I have not been to a single town where the paper is taken, that I have not heard the same complaint. Ought it to be so? You will please send the Harbinger commencing Vol. IV to the

following persons in Newburyport

J.D.Robinson-- \$2.00 paid Dr G.W. Hennison \$2.00 paid

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I shall be at home probably Thursday or Friday meantime I must work as best I can in Haverhill. I have an introduction from Anna Parsons to Miss Phipps & with Mr Eaton's aid hope to receive a hearing--.

Give my love to Marianne & tell her I am well. I shall write to her today if I can--

her today if I can--Truly yr brother

John Orvis

Envelop addressed to

John S.Dwight

Brook Farm West Roxbury

Mass.

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Saturday Jan 18th 1847 My dearest Marianne, do you know how intensely I long to see your dear face this day? I am homesick I most heartily confess it. I have made engagements to go to Haverhill, which will detain me until next Thursday or Friday, but I have almost a mind to quit them, & sheer off to Brook Farm. I have never wished to see you so much as I have this day. How constantly you haunt me! O reconcile me to the separation when duty & faith & conscience urge it. This world is all the bright loveliness to me through your love. I am more of a being, by union with you, but tis killing to be away from you. Here dearest I confess my weakness not to weaken you, but that you may support me. Don't allow my childishness to soften the firmness of yr purpose to make me labor for the sublime hope of this age. I shall have triumphed over my feelings myself tomorrow, & then shall wish, perhaps, that I had not perplexed you with this simple rehearsal of my feelings. I really feel the soul's deep purpose strong within, & the day is becoming auspicious without. How sweet are the transient gleams of sunshine, which from time to time burst through the sombre clouds like rays of hope & gladness upon the lonely & wearied heart. The weather has been abominable all the time we have been out. And though the sun breaks out occasionally today still the streets are so many rivers of slush and dirty water. seems to me dearest as if you were nestling in my bosom I know you are quietly & patiently thinking of me. & insinuating yourself into my heart. You are. I feel you there. Why are you thinking more of me today than you did yesterday? But I am foolishly impatient. I am not quiet as I ought to be. In the soul's true & deep quiet thou wilt be always with me. I should feel thy arms ever around my neck, see thy smile, feel thy kiss upon my lips & they whispered love in my ear. Though in barbarous wilds mid rigorous weathers & among stupid natures, we sh'd ramble among summer bowers, sweet flowers wd smile upon us, their invisible joy; & air & earth & waters wd be thronged with blessed spirits, spreading for us banquets of poetry & beauty & love. How often & how lovingly have I listened to these spirits' ministry. coming to me in stillness, like music from the harp of the great world-Silence stealing over the poet's soul. In the hour of self-blindness have I not ate the fire which fell from prophet's lips, & lit his eyes with holy vision Dearest, I am ashamed that I have not been patient Be thou my loved confessor & let not my weakness enand satisfied. ervate thee. How art thou dearest? Well I'll trust I am well, content, & happy, since the inner quiet has spoken the outer chaos into order & beauty. The fierce tempest & the mood moves, like armed battalions, vanquished by the omnipotence of love, have retreated low murmuring into peace This sunshine is bright at a cherub's smile It is like a flash of love & joy from thy own glad eyes. Thou art my star of bliss. I have set thee in my heart. I must tell thee a word of our doings. The weather has been unpropitious & we have lectured in but three places Salisbury Amesbury & Newburyport. As usual people are interested I have no doubt, indeed, I know association is of God because the human heart everywhere makes such joyful confession to its beauty. It captivates all. But the long schooling of selfishness, which the man has had, stands like a mountain in the way of its reali-But "never say die, never say die! The good time is coming we shall see it. Our meetings here have been more successful than we anticipated We have had superior audiences in character -- & very respectable as to numbers for this place It is said of our lectures that they have called out a better class of hearers than any others ever given here. We have just awakened an interest, & had we the means of continuing here a week longer we could carry the place by hundreds.

Newburyport

The papers have all spoken handsomely of the lectures & of the lecturers. They all inserted extended notices of our lectures gratis at the outset. We have not been able to anything by way of funds worth mentioning. We have collected about \$15,000 by subscription & contributions & \$88 for the Harbinger, but our expenses for hall & advertizing will cost 12 or 13 dollars. Mr Allen lectures at Amesbuy tonight & all day tomorrow. Tomorrow morning he will preach to the Universalists in this place. The Universalist minister here is a thorough convert & a most hearty one -- He will take me to Haverhill tomorrow morning. & aid me in getting a place to speak -- Anna Parsons has written me an introduction to Mary Phipps I am to take tea with Mr Eaton the minister & stop with him tonight. Mr Allen will be here to form a Union on Monday evening. He is very earnest about it & I think will do it well. But we are of opinion at least, am, that we had better separate -- which will be done by my going alone to Haverhill I hope to be at home by Friday at farthest. Then we shall lecture a while in the vicinity of home, I shall probably go to Watertown Canton & Stoughton & Mr Allen to Malden Medford & Lexington At any rate, we must divide, for several reasons, but chiefly, to husband effort -- to do as much as possible.

My dear bear with me a few days. I know you will be calm & happy. dont be disturbed by Mrs Ripley I have a slight quarrel with I fear it is her influence that makes the archan so reluctant to go out to lecture. If he & others would go as we do it be lighter for all. Fanny & Dolly have a I hope dear Fanny is well. Give her my love & tell her she must get written direction as to the way home when she goes to visit again the he Will you meet me on Friday no Thursday in Boston to go & see them. I will call at Anna's to find you. You will write me, so as that I shall get a letter at Haverhill Wednesday will you not? If you want any wood get John Cheever to saw & I'll pay him. Give him my regards-Give my dear love to mother father & all the people

Ever more & more thy own John

Envelope addressed to Marianne Dwight Orvis Brook Farm West Roxbury Mass.

Muso Bedford 3" mo 5" /this your precious letter, came to me last running just as I was found on to the platform to speak . It is a veal comfort to me to hear how heroic you are I know that you are to theyou not act worth of yourself to be childish. To far from being let der occable in the work of afforcation, I am more to thou wenter fore and I derive this augmentation of strength from you my mind is at rase, & given whally to my business. hear inergies upole me, & new motions were me to action you asked me not long since whether, it beened am different to joyout as a husband, from joine out & a single man yes There is all the difference which I expected there would be to ming to theat difference is all on the wight side. The purpose of all union is to since the members, to preater sur sous and and nobles, affects. It jeves ambilion the warmitte I fullenell to refinements of love It unwinsalized live and emples it beyond self than is an ambitiont vestly being in himself. He joes was abroad after, new conquests & new fulded from and will the dominion of this pathion, becomes selfeth by rouse cal & neartless. Love vendens live percerous; turns undition to noble ruds of unspires a noble Chivalory homan is a being of love It's tendency in her nature is to centualize all foodness beauty, is to anshow the object of his devotion in her own boson. Her feeling is, let at live in the Cowent of sectioned love with chow form The world inte our own heaven. Combition offered

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John [Orvis] to Marianne Dwight Orvis

New Bedford 2nd mo 5th 1847. Your precious letter came to me last evening just as I was going on to the platform to speak. It is a real comfort to me to hear how heroic you are I know that you are so, & you would not act worthy of yourself to be childish. So far from being less serviceable in the work of Association I am more so than even before and I derive this augmentation of strength from you -- My mind is at ease, and given wholly to my business. New energies impel me, & new motives urge me to action You asked me not long since whether it seemed very different to go out as a husband, from going out a single man. Yes there is all the difference which I expected there would be & more, & that difference is all on the right side. The purpose of all union is to strengthen the members to greater purposes and and nobler efforts. It gives ambition the warmth & gentleness & refine-It universalizes love, and impels it beyond self ments of love Man is an ambitious ruthless being in himself. He goes ever abroad after new conquests & new fields of honor, and under the dominion of this passion becomes selfish tyrannical & heartless. Love renders him generous, turns ambition to noble ends & inspires a noble chiv-Woman is a being of love Its tendency in her nature is to centralize all goodness & beauty & to enshrine the object of her devotion in her own bosom. Her feeling is, let us live in the convent of retired love -- withdraw from the world into our own heaven. Ambition wedded with love extends its sphere This is the mystery of true marriage if there be any mystery about it. I wish you could spend a day or two here with me I want you to see some of the folks I want they should see you I tell them I am proud of my wife, & am not ashamed to boast of her superiority over all the women I ever This is rather joking. I mean to say, that I keep thinking so within myself.

Last Monday Mr Allen & myself went to visit the almshouse in this It is a horrible sight to behold men & women under the pretence of charity shut up in such a place deprived of all social advantages, & compelled to work receiving nothing but a miserable support for it & if sick & not able to labor crowded into apartments where there can be neither comfort nor sympathy. There were some of the most miserable & degraded beings imaginable inmates of this asylum(?) Men and women, who had worn themselves out in the service of the rich who had been spoliated of their industry & virtue were here sent to lingering out the remainder of their lives in slavery. They are deprived of all true social existence. The men and women are never allowed each other's society -- not so much as to eat together, because they have become so degraded & brutal that such an indulgence would be abased And yet this is the best poor-house that I ever saw It is built on a spacious plan -- the rooms are large and rather nice -- the furniture simple, but what there is of it, comfortable -- The house is warmed with steam throughout -- Their laundry establishment is the best I ever saw- It is worth visiting as a sort of hint to what may be done in a combined society. I saw poor sailors who had just returned from long whaling voyages sick & destitute of comfort, while the cargoes of oil which their ships had brought in were fortunes to the owners of the ships. I could not but feel degraded, almost as low as the poor creatures around me. I would sooner a friend of mine should die than go into even the New Bedford alms-house. Wednesday night was fearfully tempestuous and we had but a small audience Mr A occupied the evening in a criticism upon the present form of society. Last evening I spoke about the 1 3 4 hours on the positive side. I made a good speech even if I say it, & it told upon the audience. The audience was not large but it was a good one--I cannot tell what

Orvis, John to Marianne Dwight Orvis New Bedford, 2nd mo 5th 1847

will be the issue yet. Perhaps the immediate results will not be so good as we thought appearances at first warranted us to hope for. It is thought that there will be a full audience to-night. Brisbane will be here to speak. You entreat me to come home on Monday. I should like to do so, you know dearest, if all appears right But you must not expect me, for I think I shall have to go to Fall River. The Union will hardly like to allow my travelling expenses so many times over. I think I shall be home after visiting Fall River, Allen wants me to go to Providence before returning, but that I cannot think of doing. I shall need a clean wardrobe by then. Now my dearest I am not willing to hear you hint that your bravery may possibly give out. It will not. You don't know how much good the kind manner in which spoke of the editorial business, did me--I don't prefer that position to all others I wish to be in the place where can do most for the cause But the conducting of a paper would suit me better than anything else which now offers. But this laid on the table until I can see the friends at home & the Executive Board. I am not enthusiastic as you might possibly suppose I indifferent about because I have no should be. I am idea our friends will spare me from the field. Love to all dearest, thine own loving John

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West Roxbury
Mass

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was well to soffy to was well liked by the captain to affecting the Speaks well of bet the crew soup they all have some gentitry . Evening in their mannered of any of active a crew as he ever source He thinks an chi your of Somews who is his most internale friend. This young 1. Thank elisma man's reserve is Berlin & left the ship last September The Horista had them had go very arreall food from carys. He thinks that your will leave, if they down complete thinks carys, this year. But he does not Person anything about it. This will be pleasant 6 thems to the Cobots. He considered all this by accedent I was corrowned with workells seen people hend mexthe mate of the first on the budget of wholing & mentioned this I had a priend on board the Hericat. He than total me of this going man of this enoming I looked him who. onal unes ugul jaul I dol't think I even made a more inflessant town thou thes has 1 colson Greak been in many thing At mattapoisatt we were went loved to longus death by a many of a universalist ministry, who was antions to see abel dem himself I have estimation by arting the pliant fool for having represented me as an inficial often any finds bestunes thank her hook ene no peace with him for he would have us stufe with him & his tongue to be with was lung with idle clatters. I twint to wend Down Tixale which I found echel among his books of told him he must excuse my weading it for soul I was new to me & 2 was intensely interested. To an Examine his come house he offered to land his Quer fle, two volumes of which I took forel & you count in agine what a comfort they have been to me in the general dearth of society, & soun xotomy weather gith ow. On se this I have met with It is anally one of the most interesting book wille is often That I were wead Cerowites was anally a pradigy. Dan Jung wed ete & his equine Sancho wive as great currospetical the Egyp e at here tion runnies. I aprend what little time I can get in the ululy dudy of The prior of chivalendel character; of that notar ble things of the convowed contenance". Thus you we confron me from that my vapout life is not whally diverted from literaturel. velad be Cabol Now alcomplished I made soon become under my fresent for The ships and omoble einsunstanced will be matters of earlicture in weatel various enoutent flow do you for on in the study of your 2 oppre pread very! It is too bod that I am devied all the pleasure of He is un your reading. I don't see but bouishment is my sentence. he light It is a hand fate, but I will show that it can be endured - Henre is welif so it be. you may be assured strol & an prowing unbeauably eal pearl howesich & shall be on my way home as non at I can pen except speech? What right home duty and attraction to complich that he

but of their disgust and hatred of the present orders of things, I am willing to sacrifice myself in dapping and mining its foundations, what is the use in making there can bounds to blow wo San Juan d'Illoa There is work enough meaven latine But this is nonserse, we cannot blow who anything lese can apply supersede-substitute the Town for the false. The great soul of the universe will swould all things after its ideal of its for ut to weall wisely the facts of our age we count propound videlles. That is The business of the Sphing . It is for ut to answer well The redelle which she asks at the twice soul is always calm of sevene. It a faalesh impatience does never demaning over, it The world is a great game of foot-ball but deeper than that Cies an eternal purpose which the ages that fulfil Main works truly only as he wonths from that purpose. master Myself aid those work done much towards mostering the would stand alone in audience with the great impersonal and thou shall beam the duf wisdom and in I shall be they work and fathers the energy for it. Our little life belittled us las even wound on the surface of the sea but we seever explore its defithed. be group at the purple bubbles which bush in the air, but scorrely dive to the battor where lie Avown The wich not spearls. Our poor communions what are! be much men to go from him a preater thranger Thou before the med those we call priends . we fought them in our arent & we go from them crufty bee have auched together the airy pethers in the ocean of infinite being non feasted on the nector of the gods. Blessed child, there is a common ground whereon we may ever med. It is that of the improval beauty - The would of conchautment, which is the beal world It is cleaving up. I hope we shall have foir weather, yet At any watt he is fain within. The compal of your health - your zyes - your head He die time, hope to see me. mian while I fling you a Biss, in welcome of The Spring. Flora will soon loving you her arguist laughine flowers. be will blave a strall when I sugar if the weather is fine I have many a fine walk by the boase sea - I meet you always theme of in all you can seawed tell how I long to res them. Be with me in Even Thine own

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Edgartown Marthas Vineyard March 8th 1847.

My dear, I am on this solitary island, in dour weather, without But it is solitary only because I am among strangers when I wish to be at home. The last week has been doleful to me. I was three days at Apponigansett [?] not at all to my liking, & I am here for a longer or shorter time as circumstances may determine. If matters move happily I shall stay a week at least. My lecture tonight before the lyceum of this place will settle the question. The people seem to be very intelligent & I have been waited on by several men of fine talents & liberal sentiments who are very desirous to hear a course of lectures. Among them is a young gentleman by the name of Pease, who is a painter and draftsman to the He spends a good feal of time at Washington. He is Government. a Swedenborgian, & is fully sick of all that he sees among the politicians at Washington. He says there is nothing to be expected from them but corruption, treachery to their parties & betrayal of the country. He is a very fine gentleman. He is acquainted with the movements of Mr Owen at the Capital which he related to me in part. All will depend upon my lecture tonight. If I am happy in my effort there will be a great interest for I am told the people are exceedingly excitable. That is not however a favourable omen in my opinion. It will do well for a time But too suddenly heated, there will be danger of their becoming too suddenly I am not quite so well as I should like to be but I am going to take time to prepare myself for a grand speech!! I must hold up writing for the present & go aruminating on my theme. I must impress the people favourably tonight. Meanwhile pray for my success. O how I wish you were here to sit right before me all the while I am lecturing -- It would inflame my fancy quicken my thought & liberate speech. But let us wait in hope. Nous verrons .

Tuesday morning. Well I succeeded so well in my lecture evening that I am to stay tonight. I gave a capital lecture for an introductory one. You will put the right meaning upon this. I have a right to tell you how well I do, without the charge of egotism. But I shall most likely have the pleasure of footing my own bills here. I am obliged to stop at a hotel, and the people seem fearful of taxation. But there are intelligent people here & Swedenborgianism is beginning to take root here & it seems important to introduce Association as the exposition & interpreters of the New Church mysteries. I do not think anything immediate will come of my lectures but they will be a basis for something by & by. Last night I gave an entirely new lecture from any that I ever gave before, showing the necessity of a social reform. It was upon the nine scourges of civilized society. Tonight I shall speak on Association as the remedy. I am willing to stay as long as the best interest of the cause demands if it be a fortnight, but I am impatient to be at home. You must not expect me at all however, for I cannot tell when I shall be able to be with you. I had a most pressing invitation to go to Nantucket last evening at the close of my lecture. The genteeman said there were a great many friends there who would give me a hearty welcome. If we go to Nantucket at all before the May meeting I don't know but we had better go now. Only think! I was obliged to leave New Bedford in such haste, that I forgot to have your letters forwarded to me here, & it will be ten long days before I can hear from you. Your letters after the receipt of this would not probably reach here until I should have left the island. It is possible that I may be at New Bedford on Friday evening. It will depend on Allen's meeting me on the Vineyard, as

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I have spent a long time with we talked a week ago when we parted. a young man this morning from Charleston S.C. who ran away from the whale-ship Florida at the Sandwich Islands. You know that is the ship which Frank Cabot is on board of -- He left the Florida & secreted himself on the ship York which was bound home. When the York was well out to sea he came from his hiding place. He is educated is a passionate lover of music, & plays with a great deal of appreciation Beethoven Mozart Rossini & Tholberg. I was much pleased with his intelligence, but I think he has been a hard case. He is undoubtedly a talented fellow with a good share of vanity. He left all his clothing except the coarse sailor suit which he had Here he goes round from house to house in his horrible dress & is welcomed by all. He gave me a whalebone with a California pearl set. I suppose it is of no value, nor is there any beauty about it except in the pearl. But I like it. He gave me a very pleasant account of Frank, saying that he was well & happy, & was well liked by the captain & officers. He speaks well of all the crew--says they all have some gentility in their manners & are as active a crew as he ever saw. He thinks Frank will do well--says he has a friend on board by the name of Somers who is his most intimate friend. This young man's name is Berlin[?] and left the ship last September. The Florida had then but a very small part of her cargo. He thinks that Frank will leave, if she does not complete the cargo, this year. But he does not know anything about it. This will be pleasant news to the Cabots. I learned all this by accident. I was conversing with the mate of the York on the subject of whaling & mentioned that I had a friend on board the Florida. He then told me of this young man & this morning I looked him up.

I dont think I ever made a more unpleasant tour than this has been in many things. At Mattapoisett we were bored to death by a ninny of a universalist minister, who was anxious to redeem himself in our estimation by acting the pliant fool for having represented me as an infidel after my first lectures there. We had no peace with him for he would have us stop with him & his tongue was busy with idle clatter. I tried to read Don Quixote which I found among his books & told him he must excuse my reading it for it was new to me & I was intensely interested. So on leaving his house he offered to lend his Quixote, two volumes of which I took, & you cant imagine what a comfort they have been to me in the general dearth of society, & dour & stormy weather which I have met with. It is really one of the most interesting books that I ever read. Cervantes was really a prodigy. Don Quixote & his esquire Sancho were as great curiosities as the Egyptian mummies. I spend what little time I can get in the study of the great & chivalrous characters of that notable knight of the sorrowful countenance. Thus you see that my vagrant life is not wholly diverted from literature. How accomplished I shall soon become under my present favorable circumstances will be matters of conjecture in various quarters. How do you get on in the study of Fourier? It is too bad that I am denied all the pleasure of your reading. I dont see but banishment is my sentence. It is a hard fate, but I will show that it can be endured if so it be. You may be assured that I am growing unbearably homesick & shall be on my way home as soon as I can persuade myself that I can in conscience. Isn't that a pretty speech? What right have duty and attraction to conflict? Out of sheer disgust and hatred of the present order of things I am willing to sacrifice myself in sapping and mining its foundations. What is the use in making Mexican bombs to blow up San Juan d Villoa. There

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is work enough nearer home. But this is nonsense, we cannot blow up anything. We can only supersede -- substitute the true for the false. The great soul of the universe will mould all things after its ideal & it's for us to read wisely the facts of our age. We cannot propound riddles. That is the business of the Sphinx. It is for us to answer well the riddle which she asks us. The true soul is always calm & serene & a foolish impatience does never demonize over it. The world is a great game at foot-ball, but deeper than that lies an eternal purpose which the ages shall ful-Man works truly, only as he works from that purpose. Master thyself and thou hast done much toward mastering the world. Stand alone in audience with the great impersonal soul and thou shalt learn the deep wisdom, and in it shalt see thy work and gather the energy for it. Our little life belittles us. We swim around on the surface of the sea but we never explore its depths. We grasp at the purple bubbles, which burst in the air, we scarcely dive to the bottom where lie thrown the rich est pearls. Our poor communions what avail[?]? We meet man & go from him a greater stranger than before, we meet those we call friends, we fondle them in our arms & we go from them empty. We have sucked together the air bubbles of frivolity & sensualism. We have never bathed together in the ocean of infinite being, nor feasted on the nectar of the gods. Blessed child, there is a common ground whereon we may ever meet. It is that of the impersonal beauty--the world of enchantment, which is the real world.

It is clearing up. I hope we shall have fair weather yet. At any rate it is fair within. Be careful of your health--your eyes--your head & in due time, hope to see me. Meanwhile I fling you a kiss, in welcome of the spring. Flora will soon bring you her magical laughing flowers. We will have a stroll when I see you, if the weather is fine. I have many a fine walk by the sea-- I meet you always there & in all great & pure thoughts. Give my love to all our dear folks You can scarcely tell how I long to see them -- Be with

me in the real life.

Ever thine own

John.

Holmes Hole March 12th 1847 My Dean Mariame I have only time to scroud a lime to you me The mail closed I am Lorry to be obliged to the you that I made not be home This week I shall better here to night, of to-morrow evening. of Theme will not be any communication with the Main until Monday parhofes Tuesday. So I Mall be compelled to frend andtay Sunday on this to me, now desolate island I am heartily homesick at deserous of being you but There I sulphone I could live a long time get with out it if it aune best and medful. I only with you to Know how brone I am, but do not imagine that you feel a fred worse about it. Man I do. I do think I am a lettle trovery than you have velyme sented zourself to ter, but not brover, thou you scaly one. I lectured three rounges at Edjartown - Nume was a freak deal of interest in all vegious but that of the packet. My 2+ penter were a dollar a day of they fave me in all 99 cents. But if I had told them that they must meet my appear Les they would probably have done it. But forthe last ten der I I here spent about &the for my look alone. At this vote I shoet room be out of fands my lectured were really food at Edgartown They were settles solesfaction to myfelf and to people would move of them but I could

not offered it from my punse, non from my donal treasury. Home The constition whom which I lecture here aix that my expresses be love at least. I hall Allen & Bristone. I mean to be home at soon at possible by Fuesday of farthers. But all will defrend whom whithers & am weather bound here on notmean while be patient. I do be bright and will for your own robe apoll at for mine I hall appel to to find you at thereful at a sun beam. Now I show be rouly unhoffy I derappointed to find you otherwise. My come to all the dean mes all of the your own deline. Thente I am a little lower, War you have suffere. really one. I Coltunes There Generally at Edgardon Marie lost a proof clear if witered in all vapoud had a day to the fact they are made more alower had tota their that they seem't sind my refun is they loveled probably have done it had forthe Cast time day I have afrend about Its for un board alone At This note I have noon beint of found my actual was maly food at Elighton. Why were solling and the

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My dear Marianne-

I have only time to scrawl a line to you ere the mail I am sorry to be obliged to tell you that I shall not be home this week I shall lecture here tonight & tomorrow evening & there will not be any communication with the Main, until Monday perhaps Tuesday. So I shall be compelled to spend another Sunday on this to me now desolate island I am heartily homesick at desirous of seeing you but still I suppose I could live a long time yet without it, if it were best and needful. I only wish you to know how brave I am, but do not imagine that you feel a great deal worse about it than I do. I do think I am a little braver than you have represented yourself to be, but not braver than you really are.

I lectured three evenings at Edgartown--there was a great deal of interest in all regions but that of the pocket. My expenses were a dollar a day & they gave me in all 99 cents. But if I had told them that they must meet my expenses they would probably have done it. But for the last ten days I have spent about \$5 for my At this rate I shall soon be out of funds. My lecboard alone. tures were really good at Edgartown. They were sometimes satisfactory to myself and the people wanted more of them, but I could not

afford it from my purse, nor from my social treasury.

Now the conditions upon which I lecture here are that my expenses be borne at least. I shall not of course be at New Bedford tonight, with Allen & Brisbane.

I mean to be home as soon as possible -- by Tuesday at farthest. But

all will depend upon whether I am weather bound here or not.

Meanwhile be patient & do be bright and well, for your own sake I shall expect to to find you as cheerful as well as for mine. as a sunbeam. Now I shall be sorely unhappy & disappointed to find you otherwise. My love to all the dear ones Ever your own

John

I will bury Amelia's occurtary, but count give her more than \$12, for it , for account hand functione of that Kind, is very cheap-I wish you would let me know of me Zweely has and you that \$25,00 anouling to orders - fell me whether you shall be likely to wont any more before I get home-I have to meditate my speech for This eveming a while & must close soon. Tell troub to assite me - I shall write to the Harbingen when we for done here - By the way have then any letters in suferend to the Experimental Survivion come to ha d? I have not got a Karbigen sime leaving home do the prin tons send Them? Now dreadful Xdismal. 7must be at B7 now the Schotlers & so many one your - Ish selen is full of Ellen Lorganus-signing like furnare " & though his "proofeel is injuring like furnare " & though his "proofeel is donkling" he "think it will for" But Rief dark! now Bussel Child. I am well & determined: be you colon & hopeful - give my love to our blessed mother - to Father Formy, Front x Jehn How do you get your water carviel! I am ever your deoust IS Excuse this misirable hopen X I'll not, use for your letters again

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## Orvis, John to Marianne Dwight Orvis

[on postmark] Utica, Aug.23, n.y.

I will buy Amelia's secretary, but cannot give him more than \$12 for it, for second-hand furniture of that kind is very cheap. I wish you would let me know if Mr Tweedy has sent you that \$25.00 according to orders-- Tell me whether you shall be likely to want any more before I get home--

I have to meditate my speech for this evening a while & must close soon. Tell Frank to write me--I shall write to the Harbinger when we get done here--By the way have there any letters in reference to the Experimental Association come to hand? I have not got a Harbinger since leaving home--do the printers send them? How dreadful & dismal it must be at B.F. now the Schetters & so many are gone-- John Allen is full of Ellen Lazarus--"sighing like furnace" & though his "prospect is darkening" he "thinks it will go." But keep dark!

Now Blessed Child. I am well & determined: be you calm & hopeful--Give my love to our blessed mothers--to Father Fanny, Frank & John.

How do you get your water carried?

I am ever your dearest

John

ps Excuse this miserable paper & I'll not use for your letters again

Envelope addressed to Mrs John Orvis
Brook Farm
West Roxbury
Mass.

Rochester Aug 31. 184%. My drawest marianne - I come to Mis City about 30' clock This morning, from Baldwentille where I had ofpent two days with brothers facole & his family; I with myson who met me in Igracuse the morning often our assival. I got your letters at Syracuse & This morning both of Those directed to me at This City. You con hardly think how involuable your letters are to me; & More of this morning which "are proof wess" were peculiarly fratifying. I am not sente mental non babyish, when I say, That you down Know how Comsome & homesich & am attend I how almost constantly, my heart yearns to beat against theire own. Leavest, may the happy news of improved health, add wings to roby letter which you may send me in future I love to think of you at sweet & severe, I as bless ful at Paradise could wender you. The colm ness of great to prime thought, the insperation of the dupest and holest love, & The chan of partie brouty would infold they lefe, ifa fond husband could wealige his proyent for the. Thou few set within my being, and which gives it all its beouty how I long to have that becouty neflected back upon you, as to make you the mothers of augels 6 my dearest marrame, do Kup, The heaven of

a mind consecrated to great & active thought Smitten with the love of beauty of exalleil by the purest devotion. I must beg the good agels to introduce you into the society of the great. The Good of The Beautiful for I am too from too proveling & unworthy to approach you. Od would that I could command all perfect spin its, to execte a world of beauty for you-you will not I am sume allow any thought about our future prospect be any atteny than pleasant of cheerful to you. I am sure that all will be well of we may be happy of more Than all useful, which is to be beoutiful induced. you are wondering that I have not unetten exceedingly busy, & have not had a momenty of time, even for vist. We had only two meetings in I gracuse, & we were both so fatywed with our offents at letica that we did not do so well as we should have letted to do: but the andienced were very much pleased & 20 we concluded to be pleased also been meetings were small but composed of the very list, Istople in The place. This you know was the frond centre of Min Callins opitation & we had supposed that archioning would hardly be hornble for any Kind of Land weform lecture land. They citizens of Thisk place, are well award of are the courses of Collins' forlune & dond

Judge even Commence, by That Menomenon aught much less Association. Jamuel J. May was leil of eccelingly hospitable & Jewerous towards us; e food of the unanimously arequisted by see our heavens, to visit un los I yrouse in novembers & to hold meetings for 2 you. Thou weeks. I at Their expense. Samuel J. may cel spis An Joseph Javage Am Stephen Smith & The roliton e-you of the Story, are forement in making the about weguests. Musses Javage & Smith were The ran eleasant Circh & latish friends of Callins' movements. & will and The wealthirst citizens in Syracuse Is Theme all not couse for encouragements! On Saturday oftenoon myson & myself went to ellen Boldwinsville togethers & spent two days hypon's been health is considerably improved to he is on his nanty way to Wisconsin. He left terrisburgh about a week mee\_ ago mothers was quite unwell. Hen eyed were quite alywel sore & painful; & her feet were so avollen from inflammatory where alike, That the was unable not do to walk. In feel very badly about leaving hing of ut the such a time, but it was concluded to be best that , we he should much me which he did accordingly. I nel had a very food visit at my brather's . X found them link in much butters cerementances that I had of s the preted. On monday afternow, I tout my leave of of love Them; facobs of Myson taking me in a wagon, about · ly be right miles, to the voil voal. It was exceedingly hand Cecluse to part with hypor. He never appeared so good voul to me as he did at Baldwinsville. His a young dond

man of a beoutiful of sivil, of incorruptible integrie ty. He wonted to have we served a letter from you in an swen to this, before leaving home. He often spoke ve now offered him, to have analyzed flowers with you it to have analyzed flowers with you in scarch of new ravieties. He sends his love to you, I wishes me you to write him a letter, which shall weach Fond -dulac by the time the he does. The will vernain a week longer, with Jacob Brother Jacob and his wife. Covoline, send Theirs love to you, & clesine to see you very much. The prospect for meetings in This city is less fawordle than that of any place which we have priviously visited. It is the nest wherein was hatched that anomalous brood of binds, called The "Soulut Boy Phalong" The "Clarkson Phalong" the "Poloonfield Phalont" & The "Manchester". "In very name of Association is adi-m-2 out with The public: and The un fortunale people who went into these movements, in ouch mad haste, have been viduculed till endu mance is no longer, possible; & They are slunker away from the sight of Browledge of their neigh bond. There are some who always were & will be so from at have nothing to svenefice that one still as afren before the world at they can be There are two on Three families however, of those whom cer imstances command them influence, that are deadfast Associationists. We shall make an effort to june two between here of oftenwards determine what close is to be done in the

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Orvis, John to Marianne Dwight Orvis

Rochester Aug 31, 1847. I came to this city about 3 o'clock this My dearest Marianne-morning, from Baldwinsville where I had spent two days with brother Jacob & his family: & with Myron who met me in Syracuse the morning after our arrival. I got your letters at Syracuse & this morning both of those directed to me at this city. You can hardly think how invaluable your letters are to me; & those of this morning which "report progress" were peculiarly gratifying. I am not sentimental nor babyish, when I say, that you dont know how lone some & homesick I am at times & how almost constantly my heart yearns to beat against thine own. Dearest may the happy news of improved health add wings to every letter which you may send me in future. I love to think of you as sweet & serene, & as blissful as Paradise could render The calmness of great & pure thought, the inspiration of the deepest and holiest love, & the charm of poetic beauty would infold my life, if a fond husband could realize his prayers for thee. Thou gem set within my being, which gives it all its beauty how I long to have that beauty so reflected back upon you, as to make you the mother of angels. O my dearest Marianne, do keep within you the heaven of a mind consecrated to great & active thought smitten with the love of beauty & exalted by the purest devotion. I must beg the good angels to introduce you into the society of the Great the Good & the Beautiful for I am too poor, too groveling & unworthy to approach you & I would that I could command all perfect spirits, to create a world of beauty for you. You will not I am sure allow any thought about our future prospect to be any other than pleasant & cheerful to you. I am sure that all will be well & we may be happy & more than all useful, which is to be beautiful indeed. You are wondering that I have not written earlier since leaving Utica, but I have been exceedingly busy, & have not had a moment of time, even for rest. We had only two meetings in Syracuse, & we were both so fatigued with our efforts at Utica that we did not do so well as we should have liked to do, but the audiences were very much pleased & so we concluded to be pleased also. Our meetings were small but composed of the very best people in the place. This you know was the grand centre of Mr Collins agitation & we had supposed that any hearing would hardly be possible for any kind of social reform-lecture but the citizens of this place are well aware of all the causes of Collins' failure, & do not judge our Communism by that phenomenon much less Association. Samuel J. May was exceedingly hospitable & generous towards us, & did all in his power to aid us. We have been unanimously requested by our hearers, to visit Syracuse in November & to hold meetings for three weeks. & at their expense. Samuel J. May Mr Joseph Savage Mr Stephen Smith the editor of the Star, are foremost in making the request. Messrs Savage & Smith were the earliest & latest friends of Collins' movement,& are the wealthiest citizens in Syracuse. Is there not cause for encouragement!

On Saturday afternoon Myron & myself went to Baldwinsville together & spent two days. Myron's health is considerably improved & he is on his way to Wisconsin. He left Ferrisburgh about a week ago. Mother was quite unwell. Her eyes were quite sore and painful, & her feet were so swollen from inflammatory rheumatism that she was unable to walk. He felt very badly about leaving her at such a time, but it was concluded to be best that he should meet me, which he did accordingly. I had a very good visit at my brother's & found them in much better circumstances than I had expected. On Monday afternoon I took my leave of them; Jacob & Myron taking me in a wagon about eight miles, to the soil-road. It was exceedingly hard to part with Myron. He never appeared so good to me as he did at Baldwinsville.

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He is a young man of a beautiful spirit, & of incorruptible integrity. He wanted to have received a letter from you in answer to his, before leaving home. He often spoke very affectionately of you, & of the delight it would have afforded him to have analyzed flowers with you, & to have rambled with you in search of new varieties. He sends his love to you, & wishes you to write him a letter, which shall reach Fond-du-lac by the time that he does. He will remain a week longer with Jacob. Brother Jacob and his wife Caroline send their love to you, & desire to see you very much.

The prospect for meetings in this city is less favorable than that of any place which we have previously visited. It is the nest wherein was hatched that anomalous brood of birds, called the "Godut[?] Boy Phalanx" the "Clarkson Phalanx" the "Bloomfield Phalanx" & the "Manchester Union" The very name of Association is odious with the public and the unfortunate people who went into these movements, in such mad haste, have been ridiculed till endurance is no longer possible; & they are alunk away from the sight & knowledge of their neighbors. There are some who always were & will be so poor as to have nothing to sacrifice that are still as open before the world as they can be, & there are two or three families however, of those whose circumstances command their influence, that are steadfast Associationists. We shall make an effort to give two lectures here & afterwards determine what else

is to be done in the premises. Sept. 1. Mr Brisbane met us here yesterday morning but he returned to Batavia in the evening. He appeared very well excepting that his eye troubles him a good deal now -- He is going to make arrangements for our lectures in Batavia & vicinity & in Buffalo, but he thinks nothing can be done west of Rochester in the state of New York. I think now of going to Buffalo & then of returning to Canandaigua Waterloo Seneca Falls Kings Ferry Poplar Ridge Westmoreland Utica Hamilton Troy Cahoes Falls Springfield & home. I ought to have six weeks, aye two months, to make these visits in , but shall not have more than four weeks. Brisbane tells us to come to Batavia & he will see that we have a good home & are treated as gentlemen. He is just as full of the great things which he is going to do as ever. I wish he would get some of them out especially Fourier's Translation. But I think he begins to regard it important that there should be a commentary accompanying it, & he is going to write it. Much good will it do the world, when he publishes Fourier's Universal Unity. Mr Ripley had better take the translation & give it to the Boston Union or to Frank Shaw if he desires that the world should be benefitted by it. There are some interesting facts connected with the failures of some of the Phalanxes in this neighborhood which I mean to obtain if possible. So far as I have been able to learn the failures do but prove the practicability of Poor John Allen is in a quandary that his Fourier's theory. Dulcinea del Toboso does not write him a letter Now if I were but as expert as Sancho Panza I could write him one that would answer as well. I imagine that he begins to suspect that he has not got such hold on her affections as he had promised himself. Nous verrons. He is determined not to be worsted in the contest. As to writing for the Harbinger I begin to think that it is entirely out of the question. I cannot find the time except when I am too much fatigued to attempt it. I wonder if the Executive Committee of the Union have any idea of the nature of lecturing. I should like to see Messrs
Ripley Dwight & Channing doing what we are obliged to do in almost
every place. In the first place we have to spend sometimes two days

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in running about calling upon such persons as we can ascertain take any manner of interest in Association. If we cannot find any of this class we then ask for reformers of any & all kinds--Nationals Protectionists Leaguers or anything else--At the end of the second day we can usually get a meeting sometimes there will be a dozen & sometimes twice that number at the first meeting--Having got our meeting we determine to push it to hold on until we make an impression This is a glance at the attractive industry of a lecturing group. I hope some of the "School" will ere long have a taste of the luxury of doing good. Much of the time we are obliged to travel all night & catch what sleep we can in a jambed packet-boat or in the cars of the worst mail-coach [?] imaginable. But 'tis all right or at least will soon be so.

Now blessed One you are wearied to death with the stupidity of this endless scrawl so here it ends with my warmest love to all our folks I am all the while reproaching myself with not having made the provision I wanted to for your comfort -- Mother is killing herself with caring for you. Send your next letters to Kings Ferry Cayagu Co.

Yours ever dearest John

Envelope addressed to Mrs John Orvis
Brook Farm
West Roxbury
Mass.

Water Coo Sefat 5. 1849 My Dear. This paper again in spite of my promise, not to use it again. It is capital papen to write whom I am speding This seem day in one of the most decigniful Lu aken families that Leven Knew . Nove are four most beoutiful doughters in the family. Their willyence of reference our raud to Ming beauty. May bene formenty of Thatadelphia & their names meM' Clentock. I find be come arguanted with Then about h years ago. I had well night lost my he and comone, them at Med time, & they are ex ceedingly assirable to me now. I wish you could be come acquainted with them. You don't Know how kind they are to me, & how much They come me. I don't know but They wish that I were not - There is only one of Them an associationists. The is. 2 Think The truest one, but not the most talented. They are de be gutfully love able folks, & wish you Knew how beautiful such an oakis is, to your poor disent-wonderen The warmet of these beautiful sistent am Lizzy Many, Savah & Julia. May only need the ministry of music to call forth into expression. The dup calm beauty of Their naturely, & which occasionally betrays itself in The fentle glances of their large blue

Spirit soul brooks , an unwilling prisoner, & flies to you It compassed The wide distance between us megandless of breaking the dabbatte, by making so long a journey - & dishite the Threatning Nafoind more who commit that time I wish I ed be with you in The fulrum of my being passon ally as well as spiritually- But he of food their I am an my way to you . My course is homeword though it wend but slowly. I made come to ge in are This mouth. The offentuity for lectures west of Rachester was as inauspicious that we concluded, that but one of us ought to go so for as Buffalo. Mr Alle will fill the afoling ments to the westward of well little go as for at Concurratte. The best field of lobor in my is costword of dynacuse - I shall visit as in any of the placet mentioned in my Corlet ten to you as I can between This and The I'Get There is ample apportunity for lectures through out the whole of that region. her Allen is Joine to Cen commatte to see what the prospect may be for our starting a paper, school He them. We have concluded to do that, at the best thing possible for us & The Cause We must devote ourselves to sessie ation of at the same time, se come to ourselves The means of suffronty. We have not as zet

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My dear. This paper again in spite of my promise not to use it again. It is capital paper to write upon I am spending this Sunday in one of the most delightful Quaker families that I ever knew. There are four most beautiful daughters in the family. Their intelligence & refinement are equal to their beauty. They were formerly of Philadelphia & their names are M'Clintock. I first became acquainted with them about 4 years ago. I had well nigh lost my heart among them at that time, & they are exceedingly agreeable to me now. I wish you could become acquainted with them. You don't know how kind they are to me, & how much they love me. I don't know but they wish that I were not -- There is only one of them an associationist. She is I think the truest one but not the most talented. They are delightfully loveable folks, & I wish you knew how beautiful such an oasis is, to your poor desertwanderer. The names of these beautiful sisters are Lizzy, Mary, They only need the ministry of music to call forth Sarah & Julia. into expression the deep calm beauty of their natures, & which occasionally betrays itself in the gentle glances of their large blue But dearest from amidst all this sweet beauty my spirit breaks away an unwilling prisoner and flies to you. It compasses the wide distance between us regardless of breaking the Sabbath by making so long a journey & despite the threatnings against those who commit that sin. I wish I c'd be with you in the fulness of my being--personally as well as spiritually--but be of good cheer I am on my way to you. My course is homeward though it wend but slowly. I shall come to ye in all this month. The opportunity for lectures west of Rochester was so inauspicious that we concluded that but one of us ought to go so far as Buffalo. Mr Allen will fill the appointments to the westward, & will likely go as far as Cincinnatti. The best field of labor in N Y is eastward of Syracuse -- I shall visit as many of the places mentioned in my last letter to you, as I can between this and the 1 Oct There is ample opportunity for lectures throughout the whole of that region. Mr Allen is going to Cincinnatti to see what the prospect may be for our starting a paper, school &c there. We have concluded to do that, as the best thing possible for us & the cause We must devote ourselves to Association & at the same time, secure to ourselves the means of support. We have notes yet made any definite plans in relation to it, but have the thing in contemplation & Mr Allen goes to see what encouragement there may be for us. We have had a very good offer in Utica, but we do not wish to be so near the Centre in New York, as to interfere with the circulation of the Harbinger. We know that we can publish a paper, that will be serviceable to the cause, & which we think will be both popular & profitable. We shall be alternately lecturing all the while, and at the same time corresponding with the paper & obtaining subscribers for it. Allen will also see what encouragement there may be in Cincinnatti for the Associative School, which you & the Schetters talked about. We are determined now to plan ourselves upon an independent basis, as to a living, so that it shall not depend upon the contingencies of any Society's treasury, whether or not we may labor in Association's behalf, to which service our lives are pledged. The result of his observations in Ohio must determine our course -- I have seen Davis's book & read it somewhat what a production it is too. He is grand in his thought, profound in his

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philosophy, rational in his religion, Fourieristic in his cosmogony & theory of society & calm dignified & liberal, whilst he is irresistible in his criticism upon the existing social institutions. Whatever may be said of the conditions under which he is said to have dictated it, it cannot fail of doing immense good. care what were the circumstances under which it was written it must be judged by its intrinsic merits & the philosophy which it unfolds must be tested by the laws of positive science. I have not as yet got any new ideas from it. He seems to have stated in a very clear & happy manner those great principles which Fourier has unfolded by mathematical formulas -- & which Swedenborg revealed in a mystical style & which were perverted somewhat, in passing through the medium of his early prejudices. But to this book must be accredited the honor of containing the profoundest system of philosophy combined with the loftiest eloquence & sublimest poetry of any book which has appeared for ages, excepting always Fourier's. But you have doubtless seen it & heard a great deal said of its merits. What say the Harbinger editors of it -- By the way I have not got but one number of that paper since leaving home & that was at Syracuse -- It is curious I think & the one I asked John to send me, has not come to hand either. But I got along without it.

I lectured here last evening to a small audience & am to speak again this evening— I have not much hope of effecting anything important here, but inasmuch as my expenses were paid from Rochester I was glad to come here. I now expect to lecture at Seneca Falls 3 miles from here tomorrow evening & till Wednesday evening, but if not I shall go directly to King's Ferry where I shall spend ten days

or more.

It is nearly time for meeting & I must close for the sake of a few moments of reflection before-hand. I am anxious to hear how you are. Your letter to Batavia I shall not get until I reach King's Ferry where I told Allen to forward it. I thot it not best to go to Batavia, although Mr B's father sent us a pass over the rail-road from Rochester to his place. You will have sent me another letter to King's Ferry ere I get there. I am anxious to hear from mother from both mothers indeed. Give her my love & earnest gratitude for her kindness to you & also to all our family. I am pretty well though tired beyond measure. No one can tell without trial the exhausting & fatiguing labors of a lecturer. It is everlasting talk. O be loving quiet & thoughtful & beautiful

Ever your dearest John

Envelope addressed to Mrs John Orvis
Brook Farm
West Roxbury
Mass.

Wreester See 2" 1849 Prejoice with me! God helps Those who help themselves, Wisdon & perseverance will receive The trumph of a noble purs pose monday I left Boston at 2/4 0'clock P.M. I reached War enters about & o'clock, went to the Office of the Christian Citizen where I found our true & cordial friend him Buturfield. Who alone invited me home with him to needs downers of bricking up house Pruping but glad to see to told me of Their board. Lottaged with Them until This morning when her to x myself look leave of them as hu I's folks were to leave for Exeters in the often noon x are the household would then be troken up A pu d's folks would be packing of for the douth. brackprosphaged sountened about tooon among The Projectioness & working men found deoutel not betwee until Mednesday rouning. Every body but the working men told me Workerty world hord place. That I could not do any thing. I got a list of Jursion belowing to the lenion whom it was probable might sulposelve for The boice but doned not osh a man to subscribe for it: so that nothing appre sently was done Tuesday. I fan feeling strecked about The closing up of the weeks for the boice

I went to bed with the determination, that I would in The Thorning, on what impression of could be what upon The working men of Wor cesters. I spent the day until I'm o'clock in our or two modime shops. I god subsey tion to the amount of dep dollars. In The mean time my proposal to lecture before The Particline levion was warmly seconded & the lagert Hall in town, copole of bolding 2000 was ingaged & 500 houdbills were circulated But as it hoppened boys distributed Them, I The wealt was, Heat not one greaters of the people knew any Thing about it. We are concluded The meeting 2. would be a forlune. That not fifty forsout would he There. But we wone agreeably surproyed with an X L andience of between 34 four hindred. I was very for lemate in my manners of approaching my ouclime & my rulyest. I never opropre, to a more interested & at butere audience. te Lodoy, I have vesited The some shops which I did yester doy, I have obtained about \$ 15. in dubscriptions & Name are horts of large relatteshments that I have not vis ited at all. But The people were so much pleased with the lecture lost night that they are determined to have another soon of they will spome no point to have I notified will pay me for coming here & I have no doubt. That I can often Mot, obtain double The number I now have of subservelies. I shall spend all the time, which I possibly con Tomorrow before going te d'anyfiele in obtamine d'ulis.

tel her Greeley's excellent notice of the boice in his 2000 milune of sec I was a secol en couragement to me re But our proper is nothing as food as I could make elsey I if I had nothing to do but attend to the Editorial departments. The voin has pounced to-day incessoully, but I have not Mes muded it at all, except when I Thought of you about vas of home of in suffering. If you were but well, I could Bus bean the temporory deparation, in the prospect of he ull ing able to pat our paper on a permonent and pay any ing boss in a comporatively short terms: but as itil, ine I am sure That you feel with me, need of the socrifice rulel of tout with me, in the lope, that thereby, we once working of an feetually for The vealystion of good to our back. 102 If I go to springfield, I oblate probably not beat 2 % home before Widnesday or Phursday. Yat Decreet. Keep your spirit & active life open to the Universal as joyful that some find their complement in us, however, hundled may be, at we are joyful to find ourselves com rester Vane 1 vis pleted in those to whom we look up with love & trusty. ul Max more I find myself penetrated with the feeling of him mind noon soldanty, the more do I find it impossible to be for tehave different any human or living thing. The water Jan ane jets be oven these, folded in the mantle of my love '8'de Me Good night. Som to all hend Even your John going

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Worcester Dec 2nd 1847.

Dear Marianne--

God helps those who help themselves! Rejoice with me! Wisdom & perseverance will secure the triumph of a noble purpose. Monday I left Boston at 21 o'clock p.m. I reached Worcester about 5 o'clock, went to the Office of the Christian Citizen where I found our true & cordial friend Mr Butterfield who at once invited me home with him to Messrs Sawyers & Tredwell's house. I found them on the point of breaking up housekeeping but glad to see me & to seat me at their board. I stayed with them until this morning when Mr B & myself took leave of them as Mr T's folks were to leave for Exeter in the afternoon & all the household would then be broken up, & Mr S's folks would be packing up for the south. On Tuesday I sauntered about town among the Protectionists & working men found I could not lecture until Wednesday evening. Everybody but the workingmen told me Worcester was a hard place -- that I couldn't do anything. I got a list of persons belonging to the Union whom it was probable might subscribe for the Voice but dared not ask a man to subscribe for it, so that nothing apparently was done Tues-I 'gan feeling stuckent about the closing upof the week for the Voice I went to bed with the determination that I would in the morning see what impression I could make upon the working men I spent the day until 21 o'clock in one or two of Worcester. I got subscription to the amount of six dollars. machine-shops. In the meantime my proposal to lecture before the Protective Union was warmly seconded, & the largest hall in town, capable of holding 2,000 was engaged & 500 handbills were circulated. But as it happened boys distributed them, & the result was, that not one quarter of the people knew anything about it. We all concluded the meeting would be a failure -- that not fifty persons would be there. But we were agreeably surprized with an audience of between 3 & four hundred. I was very fortunate in my manner of approaching my audience & my subject. I never spoke to a more interested & attentive audience. Today, I have visited the same shops which I did yesterday, & have obtained about \$15 in subscriptions & there are hosts of large es-

Today, I have visited the same shops which I did yesterday, & have obtained about \$15 in subscriptions & there are hosts of large establishments that I have not visited at all. But the people were so much pleased with the lecture last night that they are determined to have another soon, & they will spare no pains to have it notified—will pay me for coming here—& I have no doubt, that I can after that, obtain double the number I now have of subscribers. I shall spend all the time, which I possibly can tomorrow before going to Springfield in obtaining sub's—

to Springfield in obtaining sub's-Mr Greeley's excellent notice of the Voice in his Tribune of
Dec 1 was a great encouragement to me But our paper is nothing
as good as I could make it if I had nothing to do but attend to

the editorial departments.

The rain has poured today incessantly, but I have not minded it at all, except when I thought of you alone at home & in suffering. If you were but well, I could bear the temporary separation, in the prospect of being able to put our paper on a permanent and paying basis in a comparatively short time: but as it is, I am sure that you feel with me, in the hope, that thereby, we are working effectually for the realization of good to our race. If I go to Springfield I shall probably not be at home before Wednesday or Thursday.

Dearest keep your spirit & active life open to the <u>Universal</u> to the acceptance of good from everywhere, & let us be as joyful that others seek to find their complement in us, however humble they

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may be, as we are joyful to find ourselves completed in those to whom we look up with love & trust. The more I find myself penetrated with the feeling of human solidarity, the more do I find it impossible to be indifferent to any human or living thing. The watch of angels be over thee, folded in the mantle of my love! & so good night. Love to all

Ever your John

Envelope addressed to

Mrs Marianne D. Orvis

Jamaica Plain

Roxbury

Mass.

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## Orvis, John to Marianne Dwight Orvis

Manchester N.H. Dec.9 1847

My dear Marianne

You will be disappointed to learn that I shall not be at home before Monday forenoon, & then only for a few hours, previously to going to Worcester. I find that I cannot lecture here until tomorrow night & on Saturday evening Mr Brooks from New York is to lecture here on National Reform and the people are desirous that I should stay & participate in the meeting. I am very desirous of seeing Mr Brooks & shall not be able to do so unless I stop here He is son to one of the largest land-holders in Western New York, but is wholly opposed to the injustice of the present system of land monopoly. I think that by staying, I may be able to do something for the paper. I have not been able to anything thus far. I shall attend the meeting of the Manchester Uhion tonight, & endeavor to have them do something. I am not discouraged at all, but I dont know how we are to get on with the paper. I must lecture in order to obtain subscribers to it. It must sustain itself by the National Reform & Protective Union Movement. The meeting on Saturday evening will be of service to us.

My dear I don't believe you will think me careless of you. Ours is the common lot of Humanity today, trial & toil, but after all we do not suffer anything in comparison with the millions And the only comfort we get is through efforts to improve the condition of our fellows. When I am mingling with the uninformed, worn & degraded working-classes I frequently feel how lonely & thankless is my task, how full of repugnance; but then the other feeling always follows, of thankfulness that it is so -- that I am not & cannot be happy whilst the meanest of my fellows suffers. The harvest will ere long follow the trustful sowing--rest the present toil: and if I do not succeed as I would in this thing--there are other spheres of labor, & nothing in the end will be lost; & triumph will be seen in all that will have been done. I am not going to be cloudy because the sky may be so. Be bright & calm & the ways of your peace will gleam gladness into my heart. Love to all--Ever thine

.Tohn

My cold is better & am pretty well.

Letter addressed to Mr B F Dwight
for Mrs John Orvis
Care of Coffin & Weld
Boston

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Springfield Dec.15, 1847.

My dear --

I came to this place today, & shall remain here & at Cabotville until Saturday. I had a very large audience at Worcester & the result is a very thorough interest amongst the working men of that place. They will very soon have another division organized there. But do you believe our good Associationists in Boston who enjoy their fine meetings & pleasant chats & labors have any conception of the very irksome labors of their humble friend who loves you so well? One would love dearly to be always in the society of refined, intelligent & liberal minds, but may it not be well for us to know by personal experience how poverty & want of sympathy dwarfs our natures? how a round of degrading services & labors debases our whole manhood? If I did not feel that it would be mean to skulk away from even the lowest of the race, I would take the solitude of pioneers life, & the wide birth which Nature offers the savage, rather than suffer the infliction of meeting so many crushed & half-imbruted natures. But there is an earnest purpose at the base of all natures, which we can but respect because it belongs to all humanity. The working men of this place in so far as I have seen are not so intelligent as they are in Worcester. & I do not expect to do nearly so well for the Paper here as there, but we must "wait until after election", as the saying goes, to know who is Governor.

I went into the Boston Union Room on Monday & saw our dear Ellen, & had a charming time with her. She is very lovely. I wish the good friends who meet in that room from time to time could but know what they enjoy-- I hope they will not allow themselves to be lulled into a "carnal repose." I saw quite a lot of beautiful things--among others two or three little books of beautiful wild flowers & autumn leaves, & it seemed to me I had others like them. But they were the first things among all the beautiful which

attracted my attention.

My time is going to seem pretty long but I shall not be home before Saturday I think I hope dearest you are well, & that we shall both live through the separation

Ever your

John

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for Mrs Orvis
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